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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, independent claims 1 and 6 are amended to clarify salient features of the invention and those claims as well as claims 9-13 are amended to improve form thereof and without the introduction of new matter. Accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

All of the pending claims 1-13 are rejected.

Claims 1-13 remain pending herein.

ITEM 5: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 6 AND 7 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) BY CHADHA ON (U.S. PATENT 6,061,698);

ITEM 6: REJECTION OF CLAIM 4 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER CHADHA, AS ABOVE, AND FURTHER IN VIEW OF HOBBS, (U.S. PATENT 6,623,022);

ITEM 7: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5 AND 8 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER CHADHA AS APPLIED ABOVE, IN VIEW OF HOMER ET AL. "INSTANT HTML", COPYRIGHT 1997, PAGES 76-107;

ITEM 8: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 9-12 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER CHADHA, AS ABOVE, IN VIEW OF POPP ET AL., U.S. 2002/0133637 A1; AND

ITEM 9: REJECTION OF CLAIM 13 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER CHADHA, AND POPP, ABOVE, AND FURTHER IN VIEW OF HOMER ET AL., "INSTANT HTML", COPYRIGHT 1997, PAGES 76-107

The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectively submit that none of the references cited by the Examiner discloses or suggests the novel features of the present application as recited in independent claims 1 and 6, as amended, or as recited in original independent claim 9.

The technique disclosed in Chadha corresponds to the same kind of prior art technique as is disclosed in the present application. In Chadha, instructions are embedded in an original document in a form of a script language. According to Chadha, it is necessary to reconfigure the program as well as the original document (i.e., script languages embedded therein) when the way to make a modified document is changed.

To the contrary of Chadha's teachings, in the present invention, such kinds of instructions are not embedded in an original document. In other words, an original document is

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separated from a program which defines how to make a modified document. Therefore, according to the present invention, it is possible to configure and manage the original document and the program separately. This provides a significant advantage over the prior art, such as represented by Chadha, because the respective skills necessary for making those two items are completely different. Furthermore, according to the present invention, reconfiguring the program suffices even if the way to make a modified document must be changed.

ACTION FAILS TO ESTABLISH A *PRIMA FACIE* BASIS OF OBVIOUSNESS OF THE COMBINATIONS RELIED UPON IN THE §103(a) REJECTIONS OF ITEMS 6-9

The obviousness grounds of rejections of Items 6-9 are defective, since relying on the clearly inadequate contentions of what "was well-known in the art...", which fail to support the obviousness of those combinations. This clearly does not comply with the strict standards established under the rules. MPEP 2142-2143.03

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the independent claims patentably distinguish over the references of record, taken singularly or in any proper combination, and, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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